

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: Rocky Forge Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Rocky Forge Road near Mason-Dixon Line					
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Ross D. Copley					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 5					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	21740	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 335/463					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rocky Forge Farm is located on the north side of Rocky Forge Road, a short distance east of Maryland Route 60, just south of the Mason-Dixon Line. The house stands on relatively high ground and faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay stone dwelling with a two story, two bay ell or wing extending to the rear or north. The walls are constructed of coursed local fieldstone with more careful masonry evident at the front elevation. First story openings in the front elevation are crowned with flat arches of rather finely dressed stone.

Windows appear to have been spaced symmetrically in the front elevation. All have received modern single pane sashes which are held, however, within frames which appear to be original. They are moderately wide with a bead at the inside edge and finished with ogee molding. Most windows are flanked with relatively modern shutters.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Its transom is glazed with a single pane. The four panel door appears to be a Victorian period replacement. Other entrances are located in the north elevation of the main section and the east elevation of the ell at both stories.

A Victorian period porch supported by square posts is present along the front elevation. A double porch is present at the east wall of the ell.

The roof is covered with slate and extends beyond the end walls. A triangular gabled dormer has been added to the south slope of the roof. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end. A plain brick flue rises from inside the end of the ell.

The interior of the house retains a significant portion of its early woodwork including doors with six raised panels.

East of the house is a stone and frame springhouse. The original barn burned in recent years and has been replaced by a modern structure.

The property contains 135.15 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1812

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abar iginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Palitical | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasaphy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cammerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. According to Herbert C. Bell's, History Of Leitersburg District, the house was built in 1812 by Frederick Bell. The appearance of the house would tend to support an 1812 building date. Constructed of stone in the five bay, center front door plan, the house is representative of a major architectural group in Western Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania. Such structures are based remotely on the Georgian form dwellings which were introduced in the Philadelphia vicinity and other eastern areas early in the 18th century. Dwellings of this plan were in use in Washington County from the late 18th through the first half of the 19th century. Although the house has received substantial alterations, it does retain a major portion of its original work.

The property on which this house stands includes parts of the grants, "Great Rock" and "All That's Left." In 1767, Peter Bell purchased a tract of 240 acres from Peter Sheiss to which he is said to have given the name "Bell's Choise." Frederick Bell, born in 1768 inherited the farm from his father (Will Liber A, Folio 16) and reportedly built a stone barn in 1806 and the present dwelling in 1812.¹ Although Frederick learned the trade of cabinet maker, he was apparently primarily a farmer.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History Of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md:
the author, 1908.

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, Thomas J. C. , History Of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md:
Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 135.15 acres.

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: Pennsylvania

COUNTY: Franklin

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN:

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

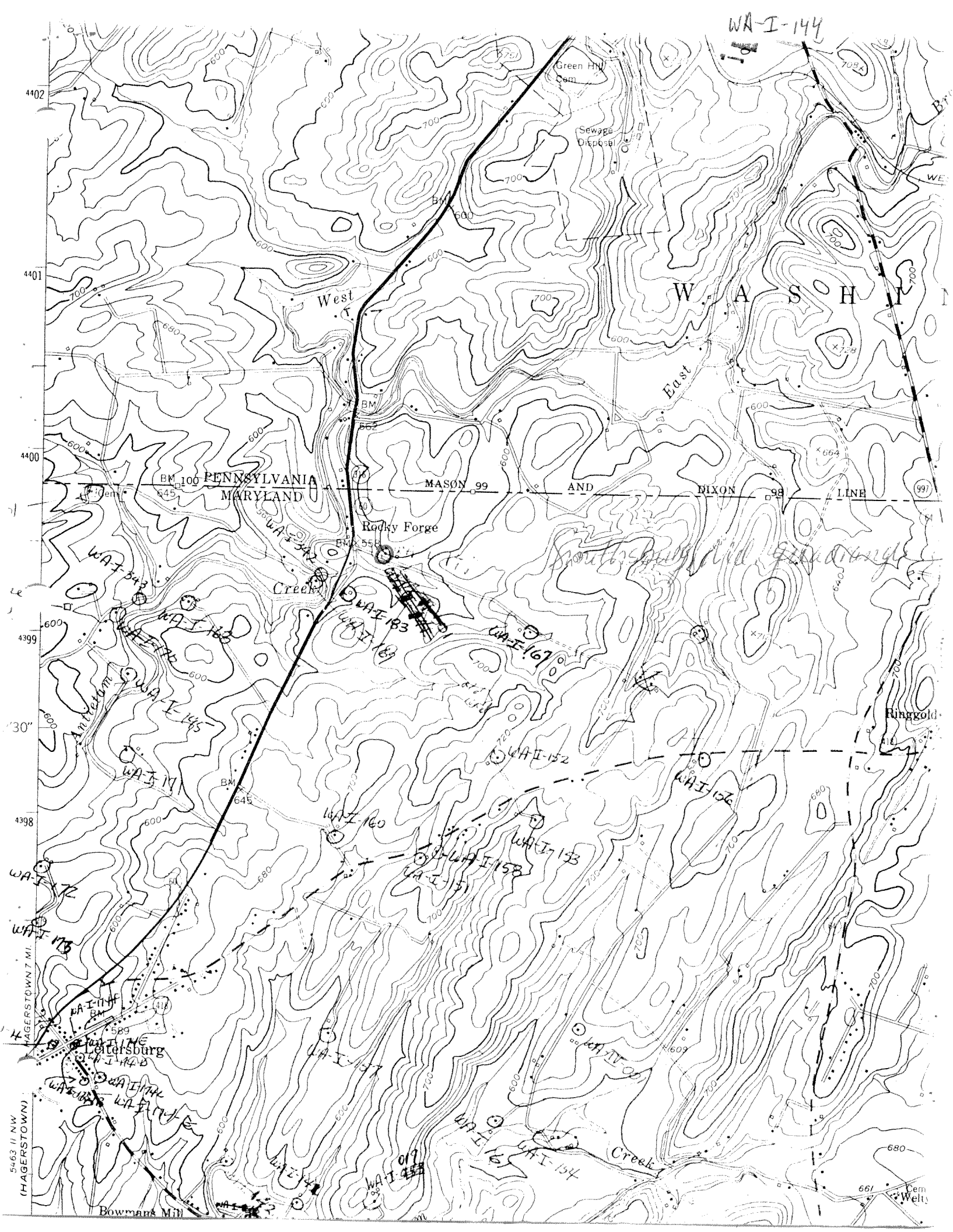
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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